

Village Council Arrange 1952 Building Program

Councillors present: W. N. Frickelton and W. Symington.

Mayor Frickelton in the Chair. Minutes of previous regular meeting were adopted as written on the motion of W. Symington.

Correspondence from La France-Fosmire Protection re Fire Equipment. It was decided to place the matter of proposed purchase of any new fire equipment before the annual meeting for discussion thereon.

Application for grant from Canadian Red Cross held over from the last meeting was placed on file.

Symington—that we appoint A. C. Charter as enumerator for 1951 to prepare supplementary Voters List.

Secretary reported that \$1787.80 had been received by the Village under the Municipal Assistance Act.

Public Works: It was decided to allocate major portion of 1951 estimates for roads and concentrate on building sidewalks in '52.

Symington—that Secretary notify Councillor F. A. Fuder by registered mail of time and place of next meeting of the Council.

Rev. Geo. Warnock and family are away on a fortnight's holiday. On their return they will be preparing to leave for new fields permanently. While here Mr. Warnock has given so much service impartially and kindly to many that he will leave some appreciative hearts in Irma who wish him success and God speed in his new location.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

Miss Arlene Hoffensen had a short holiday at home this week. Miss Ann Olsen and Mr. Arne Sorenson accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Westly and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom and two children, all of Boyle, were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. Reitan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lysing and daughter of Wetaskiwin, accompanied by Dr. Egedahl of Sedgewick, were visitors last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. N. Fluevog. Little Caroline returned with her parents after quite a nice long holiday with her cousins, Esther and Evelyn.

Gordon Hollingen had a fine time at Olds as one of the representatives from the Grain Club. Prior to Olds he visited at Cochrane and Banff.

Sharon Sunday School had an enjoyable picnic at the lake again last Saturday, climaxing a week of Vacation Bible School.

Mr. D. Larkness spent a few days in Camrose this week.

Mr. Emil Lindquist of Edmonton is visiting his brother Mr. Carl Lindquist.

Mrs. A. Lindquist has returned to the city after spending a month with Mrs. J. Larson.

Please take note that there will be no United Church services for the next two Sundays, August 19 to August 26.

Softball Games Played Against The Army

A week ago the army invited several softball teams to participate in a field day at the Wainwright Military Camp. The Strawberry Plains team, however, was the only team that showed up, so they played two games against the army, resulting in a victory and a loss for each. The Plains team and their families thoroughly enjoyed the games and the camp life with the army for one day.

The army boys made them feel quite at home as they served them dinner and supper in the sergeants' mess hall. They also enjoyed visiting in the comfortable lounge rooms during the afternoon.

In return for their hospitality, Strawberry Plains invited the army team for a return game at the Irma Diamond on Sunday. The army showed their ability by defeating the Plains 12 to 4. Since the afternoon was still young they played the second game which resulted in a score 8 to 7 for the Plains team.

After the games they all made their way to Cliff Smallwood's farm where the ladies had two long tables filled with all types baking, salads, and friend chicken. A cafeteria supper was served to about 90 persons with very little effort on the part of everyone.

Everybody enjoyed the day immensely and the army men and their wives who were present expressed their thanks for the wonderful day. Not only did they enjoy the home cooking but the change in surroundings and the friendliness shown them made it seem like home to them again.

Lightning Strikes 6 Year Old Child

A six-year-old Pentecost child, Frances Frye, met her death in tragically unusual circumstances, Tuesday evening, when she was struck by a bolt of lightning as she crossed the garden of her home on Municipal Avenue.

Watched by her mother, Frances was returning from the wood pile with an armful of kindling when she was killed.

Both the dead girls parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frye, are both former residents of Irma.

Wedding Bells

BLAKELY — HUCKIN

A quiet home wedding was solemnized recently by Dr. F. Hoffman when Lillian Pauline, daughter of Mrs. L. Calvert and Mr. E. Huckin, became the bride of Geo. Arthur Blakely, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Blakely at the home of the latter, 2755 Cook St.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in a white ballerina length taffeta dress featuring a Queen Anne neckline, lace inserts in the skirt and long lace mitts. She wore a chapel veil falling softly from a taffeta hat edged in white heather and carried a white Bible topped with a gardenia and red rosebuds. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold locket.

Miss Juanita Huckin who attended her sister, wore a dress of yellow embossed organza with matching braided coronet and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow and mauve gladioli.

Best man was Mr. Allan Wise, brother-in-law of the groom.

A buffet luncheon was served for about 40 guests. The bride's table, covered with a hand-crocheted cloth, was adorned with a centerpiece of roses in silver and pink rosebuds. Mr. M. Hopkins proposed the toast to his niece.

Leaving for a honeymoon in California, the bride donned a pink gabardine suit with navy coat and accessories and a gardenia corsage.

Among out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. Blakely and Jacqueline, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hodgins, all of Courtenay, Mr. and Mrs. F. Davison of Ladysmith and Mrs. J. McIntosh of Ottawa.

George Blakely is one of our former Irma residents and was born in this district.

Northern Nuggets

Mr. L. H. Barrs and John Barrs are on a business trip to Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. David Currie paid a brief visit to the Currie families last week.

Mrs. Ronald Clark and daughter Wendy of Calgary are visiting at the Leigh Currie home.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Erling Larson is a patient in Royal Alex. hospital, Edmonton. Mrs. Larson was in the city to visit him this past week.

Dick McRoberts has his arm in a cast these days as a result of injuries received while playing softball.

Easterly Echoes

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Holt left by train for a visit with their sons and daughter at Kamloops, B.C.

Mrs. J. Orzechski enjoyed a pleasant holiday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Wyand and family. Mr. Richard Taylor of Rocky Mountain House has been holidaying at the homes of his uncles Messrs. Jack and Allen Taylor.

The Roseberry FUA Picnic ended with a dousing rain. The football money was split between Paschenale and Kinsella.

The teachers that will take over the duties at the Paschenale School in Sept. are Miss Kate Younger as principal and Miss Nicol in the primary dept.

Mrs. M. Enger has been a patient in the Wainwright hospital. Miss Dorothy Atchinson is home from a three week stay as a patient in the Wainwright hospital.

Hospital Board Meet August 14

A Board meeting of the Irma Municipal Hospital District No. 55 was held on the 14th day of August at 8 p.m. in the Village office.

Board members present: F. M. Hill, A. C. Archibald, W. N. Frickelton.

Trustee Hill presiding.

Frickelton—that the Minutes of the previous Board meeting be adopted as written.

Correspondence—J. McGibb, Supervisor of Administration Municipal Hospitals re amendments to Hospital Agreements to conform with new rates effective April 1, 1951.

These amendments prepared, as approved by the Supervisor of Administration, and forwarded to the various hospitals concerned, for signatures prior to approval of the Minister.

Secretary reported that the Boards of the Viking and Mannville Hospital together with St. Anne's hospital, Hardisty, had accepted these amendments.

The Board of the Wainwright Hospital, however, did not accept the proposed amendment.

Hill—that this Board confirm the action of the Chairman and Secretary in forwarding copies of correspondence to the Dept. for advice thereon, so as to enable the Irma Board to conform with their requirements for resumed payments of the Municipal Hospitals Grant to the Irma Board.

Archibald—that Chairman and Secretary attend the next meeting of the Wainwright Hospital Board.

Archibald—Effective January 1 1952, that Contract be made available to resident non-residents of the Irma MHD at a cost to the non-ratepayer of \$8.00 per Annum. Such contracts to be sold only during the months of January and July of each year, with benefits to become available immediately on purchase thereof.

Financial Statement as at 14th of August, 1951. Patient days to date 524. Bank \$5046.75. Accounts payable \$1140.23.

Account examined by the Board and Mr. Hill moved that Financial Statement be accepted and Accounts be passed for payment as follows.

Viking MHD No. 10	\$83.50
Wm. Maason	7.00
A. C. Charter	105.00
St. Anne's Hospital	119.90
Wainwright MHD No. 17	745.75
A. C. Charter	24.50
Viking MHD No. 10	24.00
Robt. Hansen	31.50

Mr. Hill moved to adjourn.

Southern Sayings

Mr. George Reed of Edmonton visited at Mr. and Mrs. Buster Reed and family over the long week-end.

Miss Nellie Cairns visited with her relations at Wetaskiwin, returning with her aunt and Mr. Cairns sister Mrs. Greenwood who visited them a few days.

Mrs. Fields of Saskatoon is visiting her brother Mr. C. C. Walker and other relatives in Irma district.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hillerud and son and Mrs. Hatley and family, all of Ryley, visited at the Tomlinson home Sunday. Mrs. Tomlinson's niece, Mrs. Hatley and family stayed over while her nephew and family Mr. Hillerud returned home the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sotter had Otto's brother of Kelowna, B.C., visit them last week and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. O. Sotter motored to the city to see Mrs. Sotter's father Mr. Sam Sotter who is a patient in the University hospital.

The Strawberry Plains softball invited the army ball team up on Sunday for a couple of friendly games after which some of the ladies served supper. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. Leslie Funk of Edmonton is visiting relations in the district.

Vacation School In Full Swing

Vacation school is in full swing at the United Church this week. Miss Ashton is here again as director and things are going ahead with a will.

There are 61 scholars enrolled and handicraft, singing, Bible study and games are all on the program.

Miss Ashton has a number of good helpers and she has expressed a very sincere appreciation for the splendid co-operation received on all sides here at Irma.

On Friday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a program in the church and a display of handicraft in the basement. All who are interested to see what has been achieved at Vacation school are most welcome to attend this program and handiwork display.

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The Farm Outlook

THERE ARE MANY HAZARDS which make it impossible to forecast the success or failure of farm crops. Until the harvest is completed, weather, insects, lack of sufficient farm workers and many other factors may affect the yield, and no matter what care or planning is exercised, there is no certainty for the farmer until the harvest is over. However, forecasts based on conditions as far as they are known or can be anticipated, are made each year and it is interesting to speculate on the returns from the year's crop in advance.

Incomes May Be Higher

Officials of the Federal Department of Agriculture and of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics have predicted that farm incomes in 1951 will not fall below those of last year, and that in all probability they will be higher than they were in 1950, when they totalled \$2,223,000,000. Farmers are faced with higher costs in producing this year's crop. The prices of farm machinery, fertilizer, feed and fuel have risen, the increases varying in different regions, and some farmers being affected more than others by this factor. However, experts believe that these will not affect the levels of farm income in the coming year.

Some Reasons For Optimism

Confidence in the stability of the farmer's incomes in 1952 are based partly on the fact that \$45,000,000 has already been paid to the farmers as the government's final payment under the British Wheat Board and Canada has agreed to supply 227,000,000 bushels this year in the operation of the International Wheat Agreement. Farm incomes have risen considerably in recent years, but they have not advanced in proportion to those of Canadians in other occupations, and it is to be hoped that this year will see a bountiful harvest and a rise in the cash returns to farmers when the crop is marketed.

Sad Stories in the Wake of a Forest Fire

Reports from Campbell river, back of which a great forest fire has been raging for days, tell that an area of timber has been burned which would take 10 years to log off. The wealth that would have been produced and put into circulation for British Columbia has gone up in smoke. The material has been lost and the employment has been lost. Neither can ever be recovered.

But that is not all. There are sad stories of the destruction of wild life. The blue grouse and the black-tailed deer are said to have suffered badly. The grouse chicks were not long out of the shells and the parent birds would not leave them. So, whole families perished. The deer were said to be dropping their fawns and the newborn little animals could not flee the flames. Thousands of skeletons tell the dismal tale.

But that is not all, either. In addition to the mature forest, areas of young forest were destroyed. That cuts into future wealth. Worse than that, a lot of the soil has been burned up. What is life-giving humus recently, is ashes now. There are no root fibres to hold it in place and the winds and the rains will carry it off.

Any tree seeds that were in the ground have been burned. It is much more difficult to create a new forest after a forest fire than after a logging operation.

There are other losses, too. The Campbell river area is a centre of power for much of Vancouver Island. The power depends on water and the water from the winter snows and the rain seeps slowly down through the spongy forest cover into the streams and lakes. With the forest cover gone, the water will not be held. It will come in freshets and floods, and much of it will be lost.

The forest acts as a natural reservoir. It holds the water until it is needed. If the forest is destroyed, man-made reservoirs will have to be created to replace it and the cost will run into millions.

There are fish in the rivers of the burned-over areas, too. Salmon and steel-head spawn there on the beds which have been built up over many years by the even flow of the streams. The floods and the freshets will destroy these beds and flush the spawn down to the sea where it will die in the salt water or be gobbled up by marine life. This means that

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the island's sporting fish will have a harder time reproducing themselves. There will be fewer of them to catch and that will mean fewer fishermen and a reduced tourist business. All in all there is no profit to be reaped from a forest fire, but only black stumps, ashes, dreariness, loss and death. As everybody loses from such destruction, it is the obligation of everybody to see that forest fires are not started through any act of carelessness of his.—Vancouver Province.

Man. Expecting Tourist Record

Estimate of \$25,000,000 Will Be Spent In Province

WINNIPEG.—Tourists are entering Manitoba at an "all-time record breaking" rate, Hon. J. S. McDermid, minister of industry and commerce said.

The estimated vacationists will spend \$25,000,000 in the province this year, exceeding totals for previous years.

In the first six months of 1951 a total of 31,000 short-term vehicle permits were issued compared with 15,000 in 1950, 24,000 in 1949. Totals in other categories also were up.

Ports showing the greatest percentage increase in tourist entries were Flinkey, up 512 per cent; South Junction, 197 per cent, and Emerson, 102 per cent.

R. E. Grose, assistant deputy minister of the industry and commerce department, said a recent survey conducted by his office indicated tourist shopping got off to a slow start in the Winnipeg and Brandon areas.

However, leading retail stores believe tourist sales will increase rapidly in the next few weeks and will "decidedly" exceed last year's total.

Nothing Wasted In Modern Paper Mill

DRYDEN, Ont.—There's practically no useless material in a modern paper mill.

On the Wabigoon river here, site of the Dryden Paper Company mill, are 25 houseboats built of scrap lumber from the paper company. Dryden's Memorial Arena uses sawdust from the company as a base for the ice. The diving tower of the municipal swimming pool was built with lumber from the mill.

It's all part of the plan known as integrated forestry operations, which means that nothing goes to waste.

Every paper and lumber company in Ontario today aims at 100 per cent utilization of the products of the forests. The local mill, situated about halfway between the lakeshore and Winnipeg, is in a good spot to market its mill waste and by-products.

Railroad ties, eight feet long seven inches thick and nine inch wide are produced at the company's sawmills. To make the tie a round saw-log 10 inches thick must be used, with lots of sawdust and slab left over.

The sawdust is used for everything from packing ice to insulating houses. The slab is sold at \$4 a cord for firewood.

Norman McMillan, veteran woods manager at Dryden, says the plant is already using everything but the scream of a saw.

VANISHING SHEEP
EDMONTON.—Alberta Agriculture Department figures show the province's sheep population has been reduced to one-third of what it was six years ago.

745 Pound Present From The West



A few hours after this photo was taken, this hefty buffalo was on her way to Camp Borden, Ont., from Winnipeg. She was the present of the 6th Armored Division, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, to Camp Borden and was given an appropriate send-off complete with guard of honor, banners and band. Two years old now, "Masot Peg" weighs 745 pounds.—Central Press Canadian.

Funny and Otherwise

A young man was proudly showing an old countryman a typewriter. After a short silence the latter said, "Ah, these 'ere 'igh class things are all right, but for real good music you want to 'ear our Garge on the concertina."

Youth (to charming dinner partner): "Do you know, I told that old fool over there that the lady of the house was a perfect fright, and he turned out to be her husband."

She: "How delightful — what did Daddy say then?"

Two boys were so disorderly in school that their teacher ordered them to remain after hours and write their names 500 times.

Some 15 minutes later one of them burst out in anger and sorrow and between sobs said: "Taint fair! His name's Nye and mine's Featherstone!"

The man who marries his cook merely acquires a fireless cooker.

Showing his results to the branch manager, a new insurance canvasser "seemed pleased with himself."

As he glanced at the statements, the branch manager suddenly gasped. "You wrote out a policy on a ninety-three-year-old!"

"Father," replied the canvasser in satisfied tones. "Our statistics show that few men die after ninety-three."

"I wonder what will happen when my ship comes home."

"Oh, you'll find all your friends and relations waiting on the quay."

Coming home one Sunday afternoon with a string of trout, Robbie was suddenly confronted by the local minister. There was no way of escape, but the boy rose to the occasion. Going up to the minister he said: "Minister, d'ye see what these trout got for rabbit' worms on Sunday?"

"Daddy thinks you're just after me for my money, Cyril. Isn't he an old silly?"

"Well, er . . . I used to think so."

A young woman, newly engaged, took her fiancé to be "inspected" by a fearsome aunt who had that uncomfortable habit of saying exactly what she thought.

As the couple were leaving the aunt said to her niece, "My dear, I'd rather have him for lunch than for life!"

"She plays quite a fair game of bridge, doesn't she?"

"Yes, quite fair—if you watch her."

Fond Parent: "My son has taken up French, Spanish, Dutch and German."

Listener: "Goodness! Where does he study?"

He: "He doesn't do any studying—he's a lift boy in a big hotel!"

PEGGY



Alberta Farmer Does Good On Rocky, Arid Land

CALGARY.—Farming is big business for O. B. Lassiter, who estimates he spent about \$2,000 a day this spring to put in the crop on his farm 60 miles east of here. Just how big a business Lassiter makes of tilling the soil is shown by a few figures on his farming operations: Acreage, 4,500; initial expenditure, \$50,000; man, about 50; equipment, seven caterpillar tractors, seven tractors.

Lassiter is a "dry-land farmer" who learned the tricks of the trade in California before he came to Alberta in 1917. He operates on soil that 30 years ago droved out hundreds of homesteaders who could not make a go of it.

The "super farmer" is seeding nearly seven square miles, most of it virgin soil. His methods may be unorthodox but they are scientific.

Lassiter figures that the cost of operating on the rolling land, part of the old Sunshine Ranch, is 50 per cent higher than if it were level and without rocks. More than \$1 an acre is spent on rock removal.

He said it all is a question of methods, and admitted that farming in the dry area is a risky one. He said he felt, however, that proper methods and implements could overcome the lack of moisture.

Early farmers who ventured into the area failed because of their methods and because they farmed on too small an acreage, he believes. Lassiter's method is best explained by reviewing the manner in which he prepared the land and planted this year's crop.

The land was broken with 39-foot Graham-Hoeme three-section plows last fall and hooked from five different directions, then left to catch moisture during the winter.

Large crews of rock pickers then went to work and 16-foot double offset discs with double harrows behind broke the clods before seeding started. The machine is being used for the first time in Alberta outside the testing ground of inventor C. S. Noble

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of Nobleford, Alta. It works on the principle of the old-fashioned shoe drill by dropping the seed deep in the ground through pipes.

The machine was planned as a follow-up to the Noble blade which cuts weed roots and loosens the top soil without disturbing the trash that keeps dry soil from drifting.

Road Patrol Aids Drivers In Distress

CALGARY.—A visitor from Pennsylvania stood on the side of the road near Bonifant one recent afternoon, diametrically surveying a flat tire on his car.

Dressed in neat white flannels, the tourist regretted that he was about to get very dirty changing that tire. While he pondered the problem, two white-overalled men, the American learned his good Samaritans were members of the Alberta Motor Association road patrol which helps motorists in distress.

The Calgary patrol is the first one in Canada, says A.M.A. officials. It operates north, south and west of Calgary on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

The A.M.A. patrol has been operating a few weeks, and already hundreds of motorists have been assisted. Tires are changed, headlights repaired, towing trucks obtained, and maps and information supplied.

Has Rare Pet, Black Gopher

BATTLEFORD, Sask.—Emile Bidart has a rare pet—a black gopher.

He found it recently and took it home for a few days to let town youngsters have a look at it.

The black gopher liked the Bidart family food, but hand-outs are now shown no inclination to leave.

Black gophers are even rarer than the albino or white ones.

Phosphorous Content

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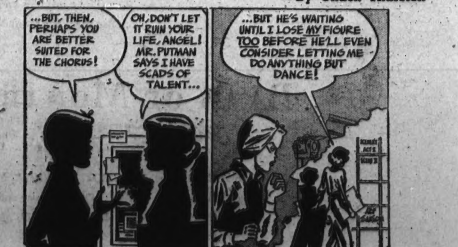
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—By Chuck Thurston



OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

ADORATION

"Nothing's Any Good For See Slings But Mud." By ANNA E. WILSON

SHOOTING BADE felt his heart beat fast as he tried to get over to Rosa Belle's house without being seen by Frogging Pete. As he slid round the corner of Uncle Bod's house, he could still see Frogging Pete sitting on the porch across the way with his nose turned up, his torn overalls just licking his shanks and his eyes raised to a level that took in a line of shrubbery.

When he reached the back, he could still hear the mouth organ and knew that Pete hadn't moved. He wiped a couple of bees from his bare arm. Funny about bees; some they sting and some they don't. Look at the way they crawled all over him and Uncle Bod while anyone else...

Shooting BADE reached the far corner, where he could see Rosa Belle's porch. Out back, Black Mamie was doing the washing but on the porch was Rosa Belle with her hair all wavy and shiny. All that separated him from Rosa Belle now was

a vacant lot but the lot was in full view of Frogging Pete if he took his eyes from the shrubbery. Shooting BADE crouched low so as not to draw Pete's eyes.

He reached the porch and spoke softly, "Hello, Rosa Belle." Rosa Belle's voice was bell-like but she didn't move, nor did the sound dog at her feet. Rosa Belle didn't move because the sound of the mouth organ had stopped and Frogging Pete was climbing up the other side of the steps. She sat, favoring neither one nor the other. Rosa Belle could sit like that for hours—until one of them got up and went away.

Shooting BADE sat shivering through his teeth and Pete took out his mouth organ and played. Shooting BADE fixed his eyes on a lizard and Rosa Belle going out along the scrub woods back of Uncle Bod's.

Finally he said to Pete, "You going frogging over to Black Swamp?" Pete removed the harmonica from his lips. "Frogging's always good when nobody's been frogging."

Shooting BADE whistled softly. "Funny about frogging. It's awful easy to disturb frogs. Follows better to go frogging all by himself. Catch more that way."

Pete finished a bar. "Fellow needs company frogging. Black bogs in that swamp where a fellow could slip without anyone finding even his bubbles. Shooting rabbits is different."

Shooting BADE whistled a full five minutes before he spoke. "No good shooting rabbits alone. Rabbits been shot at a lot lately. Fellow needs help finding them out in holes and things."

Pete played softly, saying nothing. Rosa Belle gave vent to her feelings in a few bell-like notes. Shooting BADE noticed fearfully that the sun was getting lower, if he didn't get rid of Pete soon, he'd have practically no time to shoot before dark. Pete was in no hurry. Frog hunting was ever his last resort.

Shooting BADE examined the sky. "Looks like it might rain. Frogging's no good in the rain. In the rain frogs just disappear under sticks and things."

Pete blew a bar of "Swanee." "Might rain," he conceded mildly. "There's no hurry about frogging."

Despair gripped Shooting BADE. Rosa Belle said nothing.

Shooting BADE drew a long breath. Pete emitted a doleful note and started playing "Going Nowhere."

Shooting BADE was licked. He might as well go over to the sand lot and throw horse shoes. Rosa Belle gave voice again, bell-like and low.

Frogging Pete put away his mouth organ. He was sure he'd won. He began whistling on a forked frogging stick. Shooting BADE held his breath. In the silence, he could hear a faint buzzing above his head. He reached out and enclosed the sound in his fist. With his empty hand he idly picked up a pebble. He shot it at the lizard. It missed. He picked up another and bent forward, his eyes on the lizard. He released the pebble from his closed fist, just touching Frogging Pete's neck.

Frogging Pete yelled. Shooting BADE's voice was full of sympathy. "Nothing's any good for him any more but mud—there's a good patch down by the canebroke."

Frogging Pete was gone. Rosa Belle got up and followed Shooting BADE, who picked up his gun in passing. They started down the hot road and had almost reached the bend when they were brought up short by Black Mamie's voice. Shooting BADE's heart beat fearfully but she called them back but the mellow voice only said, "Don't let no rabbits catch you napping."

Black Mamie laughed richly as girl, boy and dog disappeared round the bend.

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ODDITIES IN THE NEWS

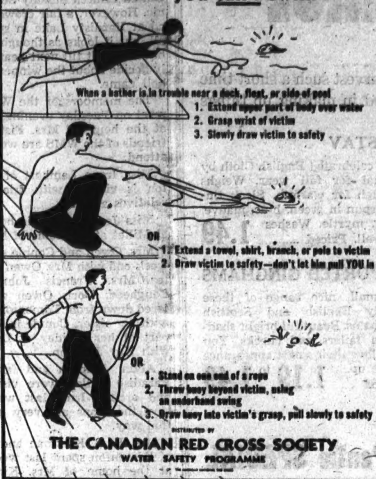
The Mayor of Quizon, near Manila, Philippines, has ordered police to "stop young men and women from using any Government telephone for unnecessary conversation, particularly love-making."

Two golfers of a threesome sank their tee shots at the same hole at Victoria, B.C. Golf Club. R. D. Clay acted his tee shot on the 125 yard eighth hole. H. F. Hepburn then stepped up and duplicated the feat. Apparently shaken by the performance, E. S. Hooper, third member of the trio, two-putted for a par three.

Food inspectors at Leeds, England, discovered a loaf of bread containing part of a dead mouse. The bakery that sold it was fined £200.

The Church of St. Peter in Rome holds 35,000 people.

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Western Briefs

Heavy Penalty

EDMONTON.—Ignoring parking tickets can be expensive. A young man who pleaded guilty to 35 charges paid a total of \$107 in fines and costs. Most of the tickets were for parking meter violations since last November.

Former Manitoba Doctor Dies

TRAIL, B.C.—Dr. M. B. Reed, 51, Trail doctor and chairman of the medical clinic here, died in hospital after a lengthy illness. He was a native of Pierson, Minn., and a graduate of the University of Manitoba.

Fined For Altering Book

MOOSE JAW.—In the first case of its kind in Canada in the ten-year history of the unemployment insurance commission, Joseph Malkin of Moose Jaw was fined \$50 and costs.

Bumper Crop Of Wild Ducks

EDMONTON.—Ducks Unlimited (D.U.) reported that waterfowl throughout Western Canada are producing bumper crops despite "extremely severe" storms in April, May and June. Ducks Unlimited, a conservation of wild fowl organization, paid 220 or 297 field observers said more than 600 ducks are breeding this year than last.

B.C. Receive Eggs From Minnesota

VANCOUVER.—A shipment of 180,000 eggs from Minnesota reached here as supplies reached a drastic low. A shipment of 162,000 eggs from Holland is expected by mid-August.

Some dealers forecast the price of eggs will jump to \$1 a dozen. The price of Grade A large now is 52c.

Dealers said the shortage—some estimated there was only a two-week supply of eggs available—resulted from the Newcastle disease outbreak last year and the current hot spell. The epidemic killed more than 600,000 birds.

"URANIUM CITY"

SASKATOON.—A new community "Uranium City" will be built in the centre of Saskatchewan's northern uranium field to serve mines in the area.

The Panama Canal was opened to navigation on Aug. 15, 1914.

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Irrigation Scheme Seen Bringing Great Wealth To Southern Alberta Lands

St. Mary Project When Finished Will Turn 400,000 Acres of Dry Land Into One Of Canada's Richest Farming Areas

(By John Dauphine, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — St. Mary River water is building up behind Canada's largest earth-fill dam to bring added prosperity to southern Alberta. On July 16 Agriculture Minister Gardiner officially opened valves at the northern end of a man-made lake 18 miles long and six miles wide. But even before the ceremony the lake water was flowing through a maze of canals and ditches across the sprawling St. Mary-Milk River irrigation project.

When finished, the \$30,000,000 scheme will turn 400,000 acres of dry range land into one of Canada's richest farming areas.

Farm homes will be provided for more than 5,000 families—many from crop-failure areas in eastern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Businessmen here say at least as many families will be supported directly in nearby towns and villages. Farm experts calculate production averages \$100 an acre or more in some 120,000 acres already under irrigation in the St. Mary-Milk River area. Some 21,000 acres is watered around Taber, 78,000 in the Lethbridge-Coadvale area, 15,000 at Raymond and 7,000 at Magrath.

If the estimate is right, the 40,000 extra irrigated acres will bring at least \$40,000,000 worth of extra production wealth each year to southern Alberta.

But it will be 10 or 15 years before the whole project is finished. Not more than 400,000 acres a year will be given crop-nourishing water. St. Mary Dam—main water source for the entire irrigation area—has cost \$5,500,000. It was started in 1940 after many years of planning. Now it is finished except for a huge concrete spillway to carry off the excess water at flood season.

Up to 250 men, using huge dirt-moving machinery, have poured 4,000,000 cubic yards of clay and gravel across the meandering St. Mary River which flows northward into Canada from the United States.

The lake formed by the dam buried a few shacks and other buildings, but mostly it has inundated poor range country. It stretches 18 miles from a point northwest of Cardston to the dam, between high river banks 24 miles southeast of Lethbridge.

W. L. (Wally) Foss, supervising engineer for the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, said water storage totals 284,600 acre feet—enough to cover 400 square miles of land to a depth of one foot.

The \$45,000,000 dam is one-half mile long, 202½ feet deep from top to foundations, and 181 feet above the normal river level. At the bottom, the clay-and-gravel structure is 1,450 feet wide. At the top it narrows to about 30 feet—the width of a modern highway.

Why was earth-fill used instead of concrete?

"For one thing, it's considerably cheaper," said Engineer Foss. And, geologically speaking, said Consulting Geologist J. A. Allan of Edmonton, the rock beneath is "too young"—a mere 100,000,000 or 200,000,000 years old. The clay-and-gravel dam will change shape slightly as the foundation settles. Concrete would crack.

As long ago as 1911 the St. Mary-Milk River project was visualized. There were detailed plans by 1919. When the go-ahead was given in 1945, the 120,000 acres of privately developed irrigation in the area was

absorbed into the joint federal-provincial scheme.

The total of 500,000 acres is in two segments. One is a crescent-shaped area stretching roughly east and west from near Magrath through Raymond, New Dayton and Milk River—a distance of some 60 miles. The other is a more rectangular area from just east of Lethbridge through Taber, Purple Springs, Grassy Lake, Bow Island and Seven Persons to the southern outskirts of Medicine Hat. The zone is about 100 miles long, and 35 miles wide at one spot.

St. Mary Reservoir, behind the new dam, is the main water source. The Milk River, another United States stream which enters Canada south of Lethbridge and runs almost due east, provides more water. Plans call for diversion canals to feed St. Mary Reservoir from the Waterton and Bely Rivers farther west.

Engineer Foss said land included in the scheme is perfect for irrigation: almost flat, dropping 10 to 30 feet a mile. That lets water run downhill for farmers v-shaped irrigation ditches across the fields. It will run so slowly and in such a thin sheet that no light topsoil will be carried away.

GOK FILE

REGINA.—When in doubt where to keep papers that don't fit into any other category, a secretary in the legislation building stuffs them into her GOK file. GOK? God only knows!

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